



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kanji HATA et al.

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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS AND HAVING COMPONENT SUPPLY TABLES PROVIDED ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF A COMPONENT TRANSFER PATH (As Amended)

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Examiner R. Chang

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 18, 2002, the period for response having been extended for one (1) month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (a clean set of all pending claims is presented for the Examiner's convenience):

(Four Times Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a first plurality of

components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board

mounting position, respectively,